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Box II	Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)				
This international Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:					
1. χ	Claims Nos.: 24 because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:				
	Article 52 (4) EPC - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy				
2. X	Claims Nos.: 20-24 because they relate to parts of the international Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international Search can be carried out, specifically:				
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Box III	Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)				
This inte	emational Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:				
1.	As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international Search Report covers all searchable claims.				
2.	As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.				
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4	No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:				
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Continuation of Box II.1

Claims Nos.: 24

Article 52 (4) EPC - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 20-24

Present claims 20-24 relate to compounds defined by reference to a desirable characteristic, namely "being identifiable with a claimed assay".

The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic, whereas the application provides no support at all within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and no disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compounds by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has not been carried out for those claims.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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